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On Feb 17, 3:36 pm, "Larry Struckmeyer" <lstruckmeyer(at)mis-wizards(dot)com> wrote:

HiMike:

Welcome back!

Have you ever seen this document?<http://download.microsoft.com/download/b/d/8/bd8e1a40-d202-429a-8eb7-...>
The essence of which is to install SBS CD1, Install what ever Windows SP your system had before it crashed, and then restore from backup?

Or do you have a different plan?

If so, I suggest you start a new thread outlining your plan and ask for comments.

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Larry

"Mike_in_Nebraska" <mike_w...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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See if you can get back to where you were. And dude, this kind of project should never be attempted on a weekday – even with excellent planning. At this point I think you'd truly have been better off with a clean reinstall of SBS on new hardware & migrating everyone/everything over to the new domain, especially as you said you had problems with the

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old setup (which
is
why you began down this road).

Test in a lab environment next time & do this stuff on a weekend – ideally, a three day weekend – with some assistance. You can't be functioning well right now, and you're right – it's not doing anyone any good.

All good points. (I got lot's of rest and time with my wife. Will be back on the server restoration Monday about 6 am.)
I'd read several MVP's that do regular (once a year or so) "flattening" of their server, plus I trusted (too mch) in my backup s/w to be able to do a restoration with me doing little more than click a button now and then. (stupid, stupid stupid)
Did this on a weekday as I work a P/T job on weekends.
Can't get back to where I was as I've already reinstalled the OS over the old system, so yt's gone. Nothin to do now but press on.

I found a good doc at Symantec's support portal on restoring SBS (sure wish I'd done my homework and found it FIRST), so will follow it. I plan to restore the System State first and then the Information Store.

Just curious ... if I can't restore the System State, can I somehow associate the Information store with new accounts for users and computers? (I have fewer than 20 total so it wouldn't be a big deal to recreate them).

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Thanks for the support!

I've got that doc, and it's useful as a guide, but is NTBackup-centric. I finally found this at Symantec and will follow it.

<http://seer.entsupport.symantec.com/docs/243037.htm>

I will give it a go tomorrow and report back with the results. I also plan to report at the very end with my Lessons-Learned in hopes they

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can help others.

Mike

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